

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13th, 2018

PRESENT: Eric Allen (Chair), Christy Cheever, Deirdre Alderfer, Bob McMahon, Christine Terranova (Administrator) and Kevin Morrissey (Liaison).

ABSENT: David Benner, Barry Fetterolf, Tamara Lesh (Vice Chair) and Hope Blaythorne

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9th, 2018

Upon a Motion by Deirdre Alderfer, seconded by Bob McMahon, the meeting minutes for October 9th, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion regarding the posting of political signs throughout the Township during an election. Mr. Morrissey added that there have been ongoing discussions with the Solicitor on this concern. It was noted that signs are very large, the placement sometimes will block traffic vision at an intersection and the cleanup or retrieving of the signs after the election, in some cases, is not done in a timely manner as required by the Township ordinance. At the next Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board will request the Solicitor to rewrite the ordinance to be clearer and to address the posting of all signs within the Township which would include political signs.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management (Eric Allen and Bob McMahon)

After the Township letter was sent out to invite property owners to volunteer their property for hunting, ten properties have volunteered out of 13 responses. Now the Township will try to do follow up calls to reach out to other residents to join the program. By the end of December, the Township should be able to provide a count of properties in the program.

Mr. Morrissey brought up the question of sterilization for deer and mentioned a study that has been done in Ann Arbor, Michigan which would be something to look at for information purposes.

Recycling (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

Ms. Cheever noted that more labeling was done at the middle school with the students help. Next step is to make posters for student awareness and reach out to someone to speak to the students to educate them about recycling. Once the labeling is done, it was suggested to send a notice home with each student to promote awareness of recycling for parents and students.

Banning of Plastic and Plastic Usage by Local Businesses

Mr. Morrissey stated that he had a discussion with Mark Baum Baicker (Chair of Board of Supervisors) and Jordan Yeager (Solicitor) on how to start the process to promote the banning of plastic and plastic usage by local businesses in Solebury Township. EAC could approach local businesses to get their opinion on plastic banning, gather data and then send the documentation to the Board of Supervisors for review. Once a final draft of an ordinance is created and distributed to everyone for review, it would be advertised for thirty days and then voted on by the supervisors.

Aquetong Spring Park (Barry Fetterolf and Kevin Morrissey)

Mr. Morrissey stated that John Francis would now be the Liaison for the Aquetong Spring Park Committee. The committee is working to present a final draft of the Master Plan to the Board of Supervisors on November 20th. Resident Darcy Fair has been appointed as a new member of the committee. She has local ties to the Native Americans to make them a part of the project on the progress of the park.

Wild Area Stewardship

A. Riparian Buffer (Hope Blaythorne and Kevin Morrissey)

No discussion

B. Diseased Trees (Eric Allen and Kevin Morrissey)

No discussion

C. Watershed Management (Hope Blaythorne)

No discussion

VI. Public Comment

No discussion

VII. Adjournment

Upon a Motion by Deirdre Alderfer, seconded by Christy Cheever, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator